



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

Program: Huanglongbing (HLB – Citrus Greening) Date: October 5, 2005

As of October 5, there are 64 personnel on-site at the incident, (42 are federal and 22 state employees). Teams expect to complete surveys Broward County today and concentrate on completing Palm Beach county in the near future. Several survey strike teams are conducting reconnaissance ahead of the regular survey teams, into Martin County, and into southernmost commercial groves. New putative positive sections (one mile square areas) continue to be found by the teams.

To date, 1,553 residential properties have been surveyed, from which 786 symptomatic samples were collected. Using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) as the diagnostic tool, 128 trees were determined to be putative positive (in 107 residential properties in Miami-Dade and southern Broward county) by the FDACS laboratory in Gainesville, FL, and 14 have been confirmed positive by the PPQ National Plant Germplasm and Biotechnology Laboratory in Beltsville, MD. Trees were removed on 12 properties to date. A total of 132 nursery blocks have been inspected, 98 have been quarantined, and seven State compliance agreements issued. Several garden centers within the regulated area have been quarantined.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) – a “decisional document”- has been made available to the public on the APHIS website. It accompanies the Environmental Assessment (EA), on the “Citrus Greening Control Program in Florida Nurseries” that has already been posted on the APHIS website. Information on citrus greening and the availability of the EA and FONSI will be posted in five Florida newspapers (Miami Herald/ El Nuevo Herald, Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel, West Palm Beach Post, Orlando Sentinel, and Tampa Tribune - in English and Spanish) on October 10, 2005. Public comments will be accepted on either document up to November 10, 2005.